to what extent Government can accommodate them. Keeping in view all this and also what I just now said about reservation for backward classes and so on and so forth.

MADAM SPEAKER.—In view of the statement, this subject is closed.

Destruction of grass by Military personnel in Belgaum.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—I am sorry to bring to your notice that on 26th of last month I have given a call attention notice stating that military personnel are destroying the grass. That subject has not come up so far. There is scarcity of grass.

MADAM SPEAKER.—We will see to it. Next subject. Smt. Addy Saldhana to speak.

Mysore Land Reforms (Amendment) Bill 1972—Motion to consider [Debate continued]

† SMT. ADDY SALDHANA (Mangalore I).—Madam Speaker, I fully support the Land Reforms Bill placed before the House and I would like to make a few observations and suggestions.

The attempt made in this Bill to bring about greater equality in wealth and income in accordance with the Directive Principles of our Constitution is highly commended, so also the general principles underlying the land reforms. However, the following observations and suggestions are made with a view to ensure that the Bill is not self-defeating, does not itself in any part go against norms of social justice, nor inhibit economic growth.

In clause (ii) the words "provided..... villages" are inserted. It is observed that several persons residing at much greater distance than 16 kms. are able to cultivate their lands personally with constans supervision and with more efficiency than others residing within the prescribed limit. As persons

who are either Government or other employees, cannot opt to remain within 16 kms. it is requested that this clause be suitably and meaningfully amended. I want the Government also to examine whether some better criterion be worked out.

Omission of explanation III – As it may not be possible for the members of some bodies to cultivate the land personally, the Government might once more consider this expianation before it is deleted from the principal Act.

Definition of Family – May I ask in this connection what is the intention behind this change—is it to raise the ceiling for the family or to lower it ? When this new definition is adopted, a family after this amendment will really be enabled